

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

Wildlife Habitat Promotion With Local Entities Program Grant Review

The Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program Grant Review Committee met on July 19, 2007 to review a total of 17 county conservation board projects requesting \$2,148,722.12 in Habitat Funds. A total of \$356,000.00 was available for this grant review.

The committee recommends fully funding the top two (2) ranked projects and the remaining funds of \$12,750.00, along with any undistributed funds from previous grant cycles, to the next ranked projects. Undistributed funds may be available from cost savings on other projects and/or previous funds declined by county conservation boards. If the next ranked project declines the partial funding, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored project.

Rank by Score	County	Project	Acres	Grant Request	Grant \$ to be offered	Total Project Cost
1	Story	Colo Bog Swanson Tract	142.91	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$127,000.00
2	Woodbury	Oak Ridge Conservation Area	157	\$248,250.00	\$248,250.00	\$331,000.00
3	Buchanan	Cortright Wildlife Area	151	\$150,000.00	\$12,750.00	\$381,850.00
4	Kossuth	Scuffham Acquisition	127.88	145,050.00	\$0.00	193,400.00
5	Linn	Buffalo Creek Wildlife Management Unit	37	87,975.00	\$0.00	117,300.00
6	Humboldt	Pioneer Prairie Pothole Wetland Complex	40	135,000.00	\$0.00	182,500.00
7	Des Moines	Linder	127.2	220,237.50	\$0.00	293,650.00
8	Des Moines	Thye Woods Expansion - Wasson Land	49	82,818.75	\$0.00	110,425.00
9	Bremer	Plum Creek Wildlife Area	155.74	243,999.37	\$0.00	325,332.50
10	Lyon	Plum Creek Wildlife Area	72	96,150.00	\$0.00	128,200.00
11	Osceola	Bremer Marsh	27	23,775.00	\$0.00	31,700.00

Commission approval is requested for the committee recommendations.

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